

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-  
LIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Staff strength in the E (SCT) Cell is  
indicated below –

	<i>Sanctioned strength</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>ST</i>
Executive Director (5900-6700)	1	1	–
Joint Directors (3700 5000)	2	1	1
Deputy Directors (3000-4500)	1	–	1
Section Officers (2000-3500)	2	1	1
Technical Assistants (2000 3200)	2	–	1
Assistants (1640-2900)	4	1	–
U D C (1200-2040)	3	1	1
L D C (950-1500)	2	1	–
Steno Gr D (1200-2040)	1 (Vacant)		

No specific criteria has been laid down  
for filling up the posts in the cell. However,  
it is ensured that sufficient number of officers  
and staff belonging to SC/ST are posted  
therein.

(a) the number of cases of corruption in  
reservation ticket counters came to light  
during the last three years, zone-wise de-  
tails, and

[*Translation*]

(b) the efforts made by the Government  
to check such corruption in Railways?

#### **Corruption in Railways**

5372 SHRIMOHAMMAD ALIASHRAF  
FATMI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be  
pleased to state

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LIKARJUN) (a) The information is given  
below –

<i>Railway Zone</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1991</i>
Central	65	59	62

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Eastern	119	112	121
Northern	191	202	207
North Eastern	46	54	57
Northeast Frontier	35	40	42
Southern	89	61	63
South Central	41	50	55
South Eastern	167	140	144
Western	64	71	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>827</b>

(b) Frequent checks by the Vigilance Organisations of the Zonal Railways are conducted in order to curb the malpractices in reservation/booking offices. Besides this the Vigilance (Special Squad) of Railway Board also conducts such checks regularly in reservation/booking offices.

**I.C.M.R. Centre at Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

5373 SHRISANTOSH KUMARGANGWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) since when the Centre of Indian Council of Medical Research in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is functioning and the research work done by this Centre during this period,

(b) whether functioning of the Centre has been reviewed, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Regional Medical Research Centre at Port Blair under the Indian Council of Medical Research, was established on 1st April, 1963. Majority of the activities of the Centre have been focussed on the health problems of the people of the Islands and providing supporting facilities to the health authorities. Some of the important activities undertaken by the Centre are as follows –

**1. Investigations**

1. Serology of Pyrexia of unknown Origin (PUO) (1984): 10 out of 29 cases of PUO were detected to be suffering from Leptospirosis.